As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the abstract and claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A contents database in which data of contents enciphered by a [C key and the] C key [are] is stored [is] and provided for a contents server[.], wherein the [The] contents data enciphered by the C key [and the C key] are enciphered by an M key and sent to a user machine. In the user machine, the contents data enciphered by the C key [and the C key] are stored in a storage device. Upon reproduction, the contents data enciphered by the C key [and the C key] from the storage device are sent to an enciphering/decoding processing unit and decoded and charging is performed in accordance with the C key. A [DA] dynamic authenticating code which dynamically changes with the elapse of time is added to the C key.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-37 by rewriting same to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A data distributing apparatus comprising:

a first identification storing unit in which first identification data that is [peculiar] unique to an equipment and second identification data corresponding to said first identification data [have] has been stored;

a first transmitting/receiving unit for transmitting distribution request data [of data] together with said first identification data read out from said first storing unit and for receiving [the] transmitted data;

a first data storing unit for storing the data received by said first transmitting/receiving unit;

a first signal processing unit for performing a decoding process to the data read out from said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] said second identification data stored in said first identification storing unit;

a first control unit for performing an operation to allow the data received by said first transmitting/receiving unit to be stored into said first data storing unit and controlling the decoding [processing operation by said first signal processing unit] process of the data read out from said first data storing unit by said first signal processing unit;

a second transmitting/receiving unit for receiving said first identification data and said distribution request data [which were] transmitted from said first transmitting/receiving unit and for transmitting the data;

a second data storing unit in which a plurality of data is stored and which outputs data corresponding to said distribution request data;

a second identification storing unit in which the second identification data corresponding to said transmitted first identification data has been stored;

a second signal processing unit for performing an enciphering process to the data outputted from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] the second identification data read out from said second identification storing unit; and

a second control unit for performing a reading control of said second identification data from said second storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data and said first identification data which were transmitted and performing a reading control of the data from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data,

wherein the data enciphered on the basis of said second identification data transmitted through said second transmitting/

receiving unit is decoded by said first signal processing unit.

2. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein accounting information is transmitted from said first transmitting/receiving unit to said second transmitting/receiving unit, and said second control unit controls the reading operation of said second identification data from said second storing unit based on [the basis of] said transmitting accounting information.

3. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising [enciphering processing] means for performing an enciphering process to the data which is written into said second data storing unit based on [the basis of said] enciphering data, and wherein the data enciphered by said means for performing an enciphering process[ing means] is written into said second data storing unit, and when the data is read out from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data and transmitted from said second transmitting/receiving unit to said first transmitting/receiving unit, said enciphering data is enciphered by said second identification data [by] and said second signal processing unit

and transmitted together with the data read out from said second data storing unit.

4. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said first signal processing unit decodes the data transmitted from said second transmitting/receiving unit and said enciphering data by said second identification data stored in said first storing unit and performs a decoding process of an encryption performed by said enciphering data to the data decoded based on [the basis of] the decoded enciphering data.

5. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said first control unit performs an accounting process based on [the basis of] said enciphering data.

6. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which dynamically changes[,] and said first control unit discriminates said dynamically changing data portion, at every predetermined time, in said enciphering data stored in said first data storing unit and transmitted together with the data from said second transmitting/receiving unit.

7. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said first control unit controls the reading operation of the data stored in said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said dynamically changing data portion.

8. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said first control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least] the data from said first data storing unit when the discrimination result of said dynamically changing data portion indicates that said enciphering data is not correct.

9. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which time-dependently changes, and said first control unit discriminates said time-dependently changing data portion[,] at every predetermined time[,] in said enciphering data stored in said first data storing unit and transmitted together with the data from said second transmitting/receiving unit.

10. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said first control unit controls

the reading operation of [the] data stored in said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said time-dependently changing data portion.

11. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said first control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least the] data from said first data storing unit when the discrimination result of said time-dependently changing data portion indicates that a predetermined time has elapsed.

12. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a signal processing unit for further performing an enciphering process to the data decoded by said first signal processing unit based on the [basis of] first identification data of a destination to which the data is to be moved when the data stored in said first data storing unit is moved.

13. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first control unit deletes said enciphering data stored in said first data storing unit at

a point when the movement of the data stored in said first data storing unit is finished.

14. (Amended) A data distributing apparatus comprising:

at least one terminal equipment section having a first identification storing unit in which first identification data [that] is [peculiar] unique to said terminal equipment and second identification data have been stored, a first transmitting/receiving unit for transmitting distribution request data [of data] together with said first identification data read out from said first identification storing unit and receiving the transmitted data, a first data storing unit for storing the data received by said first transmitting/receiving unit, a first signal processing unit for performing a decoding process to the data read out from said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] said second identification data stored in said first identification storing unit, a first control unit for performing an operation to allow the data received by said first transmitting/receiving unit to be stored into said first data storing unit and controlling the decoding processing operation by said first signal processing unit of the data read out from said first data storing unit; and

a server apparatus section having a second transmitting/receiving unit, connected to said terminal equipment section through a transmission path, for receiving said first identification data and said distribution request data which were transmitted from said first transmitting/receiving unit and transmitting the data, a second data storing unit in which a plurality of data is stored and which outputs data corresponding to said distribution request data, a second identification storing unit in which the second identification data corresponding to said transmitted first identification data has been stored, a second signal processing unit for performing an enciphering process to the data outputted from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] the second identification data read out from said second identification storing unit, and a second control unit for performing a reading control of said second identification data from said second identification storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data and said first identification data which were transmitted and performing a reading control of the data from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data,

wherein the data enciphered based on [the basis of] said

second identification data transmitted through said second transmitting/receiving unit is decoded by said first signal processing unit.

15. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein accounting information is transmitted from said first transmitting/receiving unit, and said second control unit controls the reading operation of said second identification data from said second identification storing unit based on [the basis of] said transmitted accounting information.

16. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising [enciphering processing] means for performing an enciphering process to the data which is written into said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] said enciphering data, and wherein the data enciphered by said means for performing an enciphering process[ing means] is written into said second data storing unit, and when the data is read out from said second data storing unit based on [the basis of] said distribution request data and transmitted from said second transmitting/receiving unit to said first transmitting/receiving unit, said enciphering data is

enciphered by said second identification data by said second signal processing unit and transmitted together with the data read out from said second data storing unit.

17. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said first signal processing unit decodes the data transmitting/receiving unit and said enciphering data by said second identification data stored in said first identification storing unit and performs a decoding process of an encryption performed by said enciphering data to the data decoded based on [the basis of] the decoded enciphering data.

18. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said first control unit performs an accounting process based on [the basis of] said enciphering data.

19. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which dynamically changes, and said first control unit discriminates said dynamically changing data portion, at every predetermined time, in said enciphering data stored in said first

data storing unit and transmitted together with the data from said second transmitting/receiving unit.

20. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said first control unit controls the reading operation of the data stored in said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said dynamically changing data portion.

21. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said first control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least] the data from said first data storing unit when the discrimination result of said dynamically changing data portion indicates that said enciphering data is not correct.

22. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which time-dependently changes, and said first control unit discriminates said time dependently changing data portion, at every predetermined time, in said enciphering data stored in said first data storing unit and transmitted together with the

data from said second transmitting/receiving unit.

23. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first control unit controls the reading operation of the data stored in said first data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said first control unit on said time-dependently changing data portion.

24. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said first control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least] the data from said first data storing unit when the discrimination result of said time-dependently changing data portion indicates that a predetermined time has elapsed.

25. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a signal processing unit for [further] performing [an] a further enciphering process to the data decoded by said first signal processing unit based on the [basis of] first identification data of another terminal equipment section of a destination to which the data is to be

moved when the data stored in said first data storing unit is moved to said another terminal equipment section.

26. (Amended) [A] The data distributing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said first control unit deletes said enciphering data stored in said first data storing unit at a point when the movement of the data stored in said first data storing unit is finished.

27. (Amended) A terminal apparatus for data distribution, comprising:

[a] an identification storing unit in which first identification data [that is peculiar] unique to an apparatus and second identification data corresponding to said first identification data have been stored;

a data transmitting/receiving unit for transmitting distribution request data [of data] together with said first identification data read out from said identification storing unit and for receiving data which was enciphering by said second identification data and transmitted;

a data storing unit for storing the data which was enciphered based on [the basis of] said second identification

data and received by said data transmitting/receiving unit;

a signal processing unit for performing a decoding process to the data read out from said data storing unit based on [the basis of] said second identification data stored in said identification storing unit; and

a control unit for performing the operation to store the data received by said data transmitting/receiving unit into said data storing unit and controlling the decoding processing operation by said signal processing unit of the data read out from said identification data storing unit.

28. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 27, wherein the data received by said data transmitting/receiving unit and enciphering data serving as a source of encipherment performed to said data have been stored in said data storing unit, and said signal processing unit decodes the data read out from said data storing unit by said second identification data stored in said [first] identification storing unit and performs a decoding process of an encryption performed by said enciphering data to the data decoded based on [the basis of] the decoded enciphering data.

29. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 28, wherein said control unit performs an accounting process based on [the basis of] said enciphering data.

30. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 28, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which dynamically changing data portion, at every predetermined time, in said enciphering data stored in said data storing unit together with the data.

31. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 30, wherein said control unit controls the reading operation of the data stored in said data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said dynamically changing data portion.

32. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 31, wherein said control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least] the data from said data storing unit when the discrimination result of said control unit on said dynamically changing data portion indicates that

said enciphering data is not correct.

33. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 28, wherein said enciphering data has a data portion which time-dependently changes, and said control unit discriminates said time-dependently changing data portion, at every predetermined time, in said enciphering data stored in said data storing unit together with the data.

34. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 30, wherein said control unit controls the reading operation of the data stored in said data storing unit based on [the basis of] a discrimination result of said time-dependently changing data portion.

35. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 21, wherein said control unit inhibits the reading operation of [at least] the data from said data storing unit when the discrimination result of said time-dependently changing data portion indicates that a predetermined time has elapsed.

36. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 28, further comprising a signal processing unit for [further] performing [an] a further enciphering process to the data decoded by said signal processing unit based on [the basis of] the first identification data of a destination to which the data is moved when the data stored in said data storing unit is moved[,].

37. (Amended) [A] The terminal apparatus for data distribution according to claim 36, wherein said control unit deletes said enciphering data stored in said data storing unit at a point when the movement of the data stored in said data storing unit is finished.